

CLAIMS: The following is a listing of all claims in the application with their status and the text of all active claims.

1. (Currently amended) A carrying strap for transporting a notebook computer, which includes a base unit with side walls which include a lock slot and a pivoted cover that can be pivoted to a closed position against the base unit comprising
an elongated strap member;
a security lock at one end of said strap member which is releasably engageable with said computer lock slot;
a loop formed at the other terminal end of said strap member, ~~whereby~~ ;
said strap in a computer transporting position having said security lock engaged in said lock slot and at the said other terminal end said strap member is passed through said loop and positioned to surround said notebook computer when said cover is in said closed position with respect to said base unit; and
means for resisting movement of said strap member from said position in surrounding relationship with respect to said notebook computer.
2. (Original) The notebook computer carrying strap of claim 1 wherein said strap member comprises a metal cable connected at one end to said security lock and terminating at the end opposite said one end in said loop.
3. (Currently amended) The notebook computer carrying strap of claim 2 wherein said strap member is a shoulder strap which further comprises a coating material surrounding said metal cable with increased width portions through at least the portions of the strap length that engage a users shoulder and support the notebook computer ~~within~~ with the strap portion positioned to surround the computer.

4. (Original) The notebook computer carrying strap of claim 3 wherein said means for resisting movement comprises a non-slip material at the surface of said increased width portion which engages and supports the notebook computer when said strap is positioned to surround the notebook computer
5. (Original) The notebook computer carrying strap of claim 4 further comprising a non-slip material at the increased width portion surface which engages the users shoulder as the computer is being transported.
6. (Currently amended) The notebook computer carrying strap of claim 3 wherein said means for resisting movement comprises strips of hook and loop tape, one strip affixed to the strap portion that passes under the computer when said strap is assembled about the computer and the other strip adhered to the ~~front~~ surface of the computer where such surface is engaged by the surrounding ~~strip~~ strap portion which presents said one strip when assembled to enable transport of the computer.
7. (Original) The notebook computer carrying strap of claim 6 wherein said strap increased width portions are formed of the material used to surround and coat said metal cable.

8. (Currently amended) A shoulder strap for transporting a portable device which includes a lock slot comprising:

a lock member which may be releasably connected to said portable device at said lock slot and

an elongated strap connected to and extending from said lock member and terminating at the distal end in a loop;

~~said shoulder strap having a portable device transporting position wherein including non-slip surface portions whereby, when said lock member is attached to said portable device at said lock slot and the distal end portion is passed through said loop and surrounds said portable device; said non-slip surface includes strap surface portions engaging said portable device and the intermediate strap surface that engages a user's shoulder when said portable device is being transported.~~

first means carried by the portion of said strap which surrounds said portable device in said portable device transporting position; and

second means presented by said portable device which cooperates with said first means to secure said strap in said portable device surrounding transporting position.

9. (Original) The shoulder strap of claim 8 further comprising a metal cable extending through said elongated strap which attaches to said lock member at one end and passes through said loop at said distal end, whereby said shoulder strap may function either to transport said portable device or serve as a security cable when said portable device might be unattended.